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**GOV. EASLEY DEPLOYS RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO WEYERHAUSER CO.**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley today deployed a Rapid Response Team from the N.C. Department of Commerce to the Weyerhaeuser Co. plant in Plymouth following the company's announcement that it will shut down production of containerboard from recycled fibers.

“I have directed the Rapid Response Team to begin working with Weyerhaeuser and local employment partners as the company undergoes a major equipment shutdown that will result in job losses for about 200 employees,” Easley said. “This team will help the employees begin the process of finding new jobs or gain the training necessary to remain successful in our competitive workplace.”

The Rapid Response Team will meet with employers and employees to share information on available transition services for workers who have lost their jobs as a result of a layoff or facility closure. Core services to dislocated workers including job search and placement assistance, career counseling, labor market information and assessment of skills and needs.

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